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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 79 pages, including 7 independent claims and 72 claims total.
2. Drawings - 35 sheets of informal drawings containing 91 figures.

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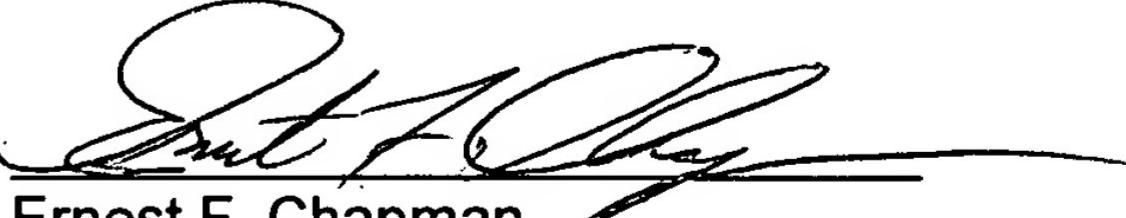
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